

Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force

Drug Free Community Coalition

Barrington High School

220 Lincoln Ave. Barrington, RI 02806

Monday, March 4, 2013 at 8:45 am.

Minutes

Present: Kathy Sullivan (Staff), Dr. Kristen Westmoreland (Staff), Nancy Guertin (Organization involved in Reducing Substance Use), Kathy Sullivan (Staff), Dr. Kristen Westmoreland (Staff), Joanne Royley (School), Chief John LaCross (Police), Deb Jerome (Civic group), Bill Dewitt (Business), Ariel Alves (youth), Elsie Wright (School), Amelia Hill (youth), Stacie McLaughlin (Parent)

Not present: Marta Iachetta (School), Stacie McLoughlin (Parent), Deb Perugini (Staff), Bill Dewitt (Business), Lauren Walker (youth), Alexandra Ray (youth), Aria Nirrandone (youth), Maycie Culley (youth) Lara Courturier (parent), Martha Donovan (Parent), Susan Freel (Parent), Denise Alves (State Organization with Expertise in field of substance abuse), Rev. Jeff Larsen (Religious Organization), Harper Berriman (youth), Diane Block (health care), Bill Cameron (business), Grethe Cobb (healthcare), Jill Cuzzzone (Parent), Claudia Gordon (Parent), Maureen Janetta (School), Eileen Johnson (Healthcare), Bob Shea (School), Michael Squatrito (Youth Serving Organization), Heidi Fanion (Parent), Mimi Karlin (Youth) Jonathan Ashuler (School), Deena Davis (Parent), Sara Kriz (media), Eleanor Swe (Parent)

Welcome and Introductions

KS outlined the work of the staff. Kristen is very busy. She completed a grant application for the STOP grant and is working on the DFC grant application. We are at the end of the five years of our DFC funding. Our state funding is at risk of being cut. Ideally, we need a sustainability committee to explore the ways to ensure the future of the coalition. We have a sustainability plan that need to be reviewed and implemented.

Committee Reports

Parenting – Stacie reported the details of the upcoming Spring Conference. 4/23. We are getting donations from most of the Pto's to help defray the cost and create awareess.

Marijuana – the group has been very busy working with state partners to educate about the decriminalization law that will come into effect on April 1. The group is also working to educate legislators about the impact on youth of the proposed legalization of marijuana bill.

Policy - working with the Police Chief, the group has three alcohol ordinances to propose now that the Town of Barrington has a municipal court. The court is advocating for an educational consequence for those found in violation of the social host law, a

minor in possession law and a possession of alcohol ordinance.

BAY Youth – the group is working on Kick Butts Day activities, Mocktails, a badminton tournaments, Relay for Life, and will be going country line dancing as a fundraiser for MADD.

Prescription Drug – The committee will be hosting another Drug Take Back event on 4/23.

School

Review – Rachel's Challenge was well received on the whole at the middle school. It was presented to 7th and 8th grade students. There was a day long presentation at the high school for 100 students.

Survey – YRBS in March. We need a volunteer to help pick up the surveys from Datcorps.

Member of the Month!

Martha Donovan!!

Any Other Business

Strengthening Families Workshops – great feedback, despite the low attendance. We will to get the resources onto the website.

Spring Conference – Race to Nowhere 4/23/13!

Demolition 3/16 – a youth driven concert for teens.

Drug Take Back – 4/27